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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 568  
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor Coach Roger Perry and the 1999  
Portland High School Football Team on their  
outstanding season.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to honor those noteworthy high school  
football teams who, through their talent, discipline and will to win, have established themselves  
in the annals of Tennessee gridiron glory; and

WHEREAS, the Portland High School Football Team is one such squad which culminated  
another outstanding season with a berth in the prestigious Clinic Bowl in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, the Panthers sailed through regular season play with an unblemished  
record, dispatching Spring Hill, 33-0; White House, 26-14; Franklin-Simpson, 27-20; Greenbrier,  
41-10; Christian County, 56-13; York Institute, 45-6; Macon County, 55-0; Springfield, 45-6;  
Livingston Academy, 39-0; and DeKalb County, 55-7; and

WHEREAS, in first-round playoff action, the Panthers clawed Grundy County 51-7, as  
Nathan West threw for two touchdowns and Chase Brooks led the defense with 10 tackles to  
lead Portland; and

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WHEREAS, against Chattanooga Brainerd, Chase Brooks rushed for 152 yards and Hunter Hicks intercepted a pass late in the game to ice the victory as the Panthers rolled to a 34-20 win, setting up a third-round clash against Sequoyah; and

WHEREAS, in their first road game of the playoffs the Panthers pummeled the Chiefs 46-28, as Gerald Turner rushed for 130 yards and scored four touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, in fourth-round playoff action, Portland grounded the Seymour Eagles 21-0; led by Gerald Turner, who rushed for 151 yards and Luke Dunbar's 11 tackles, the Panthers' State semifinal victory propelled them into the Class 3A championship game; and

WHEREAS, although the Panthers fell short against a tough Milan team in the Clinic Bowl, they established themselves as one of the preeminent teams in Middle Tennessee High School football history by virtue of their accomplishments this season; and

WHEREAS, the teams members include: Chris Seals, Justin Adams, Kevin Eakes, Nathan West, Hunter Hicks, Jordon Brooks, Richard DePriest, Travis Bingham, Chad Bruce, Brandon Barlow, Josh Jones, Eric Munday, Wesley Hodges, Dylan Viator, William Nyswonger, Chase Brooks, Ben Nyswonger, Chuck Siniff, Darek Boyd, Ben Thorton, Gerald Turner, Randy Ecker, Luke Dunbar, Waylon Lamberth, Alan Napier, Scott Creekmore, Brandon Creekmore, Will Grant, Josh Pike, Jon Ross Culbreath, John Marstellar, Michael Blackburn, Brian McBride, John West, Daniel Stagner, Jason Hester, Chad Spears, Tim Parsons, Logan Dickens, Chad Keen, A.J. Harvey, Brandon Rich, Matt Harper, Daniel Wisby, Chad Key, Jordon Strunk, Josh England, Jamie Clemmons, Rafael Coakley, Robert Thurman, Richard Neal, Ben Spurling, Thomas Dillard, Josh Dunkin, Ben West, Andrew Garrett, Austin Black, Josh Wallace, and Josh Bolton; and

WHEREAS, Coach Perry and his able staff of assistant coaches, including William Barham, Mike Bever, Mark Curry, Mike Duncan, Billy Joe Perry, Chad Perry, and Joey Venable, have done a superb job in guiding the Panthers this season; and

WHEREAS, the Portland cheerleaders have been instrumental in the team's success this year, cheering on the Panthers' loyal fans in their steadfast support throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body is extremely proud of those athletic teams whose stellar achievements have elicited the pride and support of their school and community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Coach Roger Perry and the 1999 Portland Panthers on their outstanding season, including their trip to the Clinic Bowl in Nashville, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.